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RECLAMATION RELEASES PROPOSED CONTRACT FOR REPAYMENT OF FUNDS EXPENDED FOR SUCCESS DAM SPILLWAY WIDENING MODIFICATION

Reclamation today released for review and comment a proposed Repayment Contract for Safety of Dams Modifications to Success Dam.

The dam is located in central California about 5 miles east of Porterville, on the Tule River. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) constructed the dam in 1961 primarily for flood control purposes. Section 8 of the Flood Control Act of 1944 authorized the Secretary of the Interior to contract for irrigation uses in Corps reservoirs.

The Corps is enlarging the Success reservoir by widening and raising the existing spillway to provide additional flood protection. A component of the spillway modification will be the correction of an existing spillway deficiency that will allow the new probable maximum flood (PMF) to pass through the spillway. This new PMF has a peak flood flow that is 34 percent larger than the old PMF used in previous studies.

Written comments on the proposed contract should be mailed to the Bureau of Reclamation, Attention Barbara Hidleburg, SCC-415, 1243 AN@Street, Fresno California 93721 and received by close of business on Monday, December 16, 2002. The contract can be viewed at: www.mp.usbr.gov/sccao/index. Click on "Safety of Dams Projects," and then on "Success Dam Proposed Contract."

For more information or to obtain a printed copy of the proposed contract, please contact Barbara Hidleburg, at the Bureau of Reclamation's South-Central California Area Office, at 559- 487-5063, TDD: 559 487-5933, or e-mail: bhidleburg@mp.usbr.gov.

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